

Amendments to the Specification.

On page 4, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

Fig. 3C is a cross-section taken along lines 3C-3C of Fig. 3B, but showing an alternative embodiment;

On page 4, on line 29, add the word --an-- after the words “referred to as.”

On page 6, on line 4, add the word --a-- before the words “longitudinal direction.”

On page 6, on line 8, replace “portions 28, 29” with --portions 26, 27--.

Replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 19-28, with the following:

In a variation ~~(not shown)~~ to the embodiment of FIGS. 3A, 3B, shown in FIG. 3C, the bars are embedded in a layer 25 of resilient material, such as elastomer material. In this manner an annular space 37 is formed between the expandable tubular element 22 and the layer 25 of resilient material upon radial expansion of the tubular element. Such annular space can be used, for example, for storage of a fluid. Such fluid can be a hardenable fluid so as to form a packer around the expandable tubular element after hardening of the fluid. Alternatively, layer 25 may be positioned outside of bars 24, rather than the bars being embedded in the resilient layer.

On page 6, on line 32, add the word --the-- before the word “hoop.”

On page 6, on line 33, add the word --the-- before the word “case.”

On page 7, on line 1, add the word --the-- before the word “case.”

On page 7, on line 5, add the word --a-- before the words “longitudinal direction.”

On page 7, on line 11, replace “skew” with --skewed-- .

On page 7, on line 16, add the word --the-- before the word “hoop.”

On page 7, on line 23, add the word --the-- before the word “hoop.”

On page 7, on line 27, add the word --a-- before the words “longitudinal direction.”

On page 7, on line 30, replace “end member 32” with --end member 33-- .

On page 7, on line 32, replace “portions 27, 28” with --portions 26, 27-- .

On page 8, on line 19, add the word --the-- before the word “surface.”

Replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

An assembly for use in a wellbore formed in an earth formation, comprising an expandable tubular element and an outer structure having first and second portions arranged at a distance from each other, the portions being restrained to the tubular element in a manner that the distance changes as a result of radial expansion of the tubular element, the outer structure further having a third portion arranged to move radially outward upon said change in distance between the first and second portions, wherein said radially outward movement of the third portion is larger than the radially outward movement of the tubular element as a result of radial expansion of the tubular element.